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Certificates not to be given passengers from infected districts.

CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, *August 25, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of letters sent to the general consular officers in Mexico by this office. The text of these letters will explain the reason for their existence. Your approval of this necessary and immediate action was anticipated.

Respectfully, yours,

L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

CITY OF MEXICO, MEXICO, *August 24, 1899.*

SIR: In view of the fact that the yellow fever has spread to other towns than Vera Cruz, Cordova, and Tuxpan, viz, Amealca, Cinchapa, San Juan la Junta, San Lorenzo, San Geronimo, Hidalgo, Coatzacoalcos, and Tapona on the frontier of Chiapas and Cosaloapan, I have the honor to request that you direct the consuls under your office to confine their certification of passengers to residents of noninfected districts, and not to certify a passenger, even if he has remained in a noninfected locality ten days, unless it can be conclusively proven that no infected locality has been visited during the present season, or unless the fact that his baggage has not been disinfected be entered on said certificate for the information of the inspectors on the border. In cases where the least doubt exists, the Marine-Hospital Service inspectors at Laredo, El Paso, and Eagle Pass should be notified (collect) by wire.

Respectfully, yours,

L. E. COFER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

A. D. BARBER,
U. S. Consul-General, City of Mexico.

A letter requesting the same precautions was sent to United States Consul-General Pollard, at Monterey.

SAN SALVADOR.

Two cases yellow fever in San Salvador.

SAN SALVADOR, *August 1, 1899.*

SIR: In San Salvador we have 2 cases of yellow fever under treatment. Disease abating.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN JENKINS,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Abatement of yellow fever at San Salvador.

SAN SALVADOR, *August 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that yellow fever has abated to the extent that no deaths are reported this week.

Respectfully, yours,

JOHN JENKINS,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.